



***Season's Greenings at the U.S. Botanic Garden***  
***Holiday exhibit runs Thanksgiving Day through January 2, 2012***

**September 30, 2011 — Washington, D.C.** — With the passing of the fall equinox, flora and fauna alike are preparing for the cold and dark days of winter. The time will soon come to celebrate the winter solstice and other holiday observances that mark the shortest days of the year. The U.S. Botanic Garden's annual holiday exhibit, *Season's Greenings*, runs November 24, 2011, through January 2, 2012. Stop by the Conservatory to enjoy the fragrant conifers and other evergreens used for wreaths and holiday trees, and see how mistletoe, poinsettia, oaks and other plants have contributed to the time-honored holiday.

Our famous Garden Railway Exhibit in the East Gallery will feature eight model trains and imaginative buildings created with plant materials. This year's exhibit challenges you to find out "Who Lives Here?" Dwellings vary from Presidential homes to critter condos and many you've never before seen or imagined. A family activity carries the theme throughout the Conservatory by challenging visitors to find the plants who live in its different rooms.

The Conservatory's Garden Court features one of the largest indoor decorated trees in Washington, D.C., surrounded by the display of landmark buildings of our nation's capital, all made from plant materials. See our website, [www.usbg.gov](http://www.usbg.gov) or phone 202.225.8333 for additional information. Don't miss this popular exhibit!

The USBG is open to the public, free of charge, every day of the year from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Conservatory is located at 100 Maryland Avenue, SW, on the west side of the U.S. Capitol. Visitors are encouraged to take Metrobus and Metrorail. Further information is available by calling 202-225-8333 or visiting [www.usbg.gov](http://www.usbg.gov).

**United States Botanic Garden**

The United States Botanic Garden (USBG) is one of the oldest botanic gardens in North America. The Garden informs visitors about the importance and fundamental value of plants, and highlights the diversity of plants worldwide, as well as their aesthetic, cultural, economic, therapeutic and ecological significance. With nearly a million visitors annually, the USBG strives to demonstrate and promote sustainable practices. The U.S. Botanic Garden has been recognized as a museum and accredited by the American Association of Museums.